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SUBJECT: COMPROMISE OF CLASSIFIED MATERIAL.

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MEMORANDUM SENT BY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MCNEIL TO DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DIKEOS (A/SY). QUOTE:

2. IT HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION THAT A CONFIDENTIAL DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM (MONTEVIDEO'S 1182 ATTACHED) IS IN THE POSSESSION OF THE WASHINGTON OFFICE ON LATIN AMERICA (WOLA), A SMALL BUT ACTIVE LOCAL GROUP SUPPORTED BY U.S. CHURCH FUNDS. WOLA IS LED BY THE REV. JOSEPH ELDRIDGE. ONE OF HIS STAFF, THE MAN WHO GOT THE CABLE, IS JUAN FERREIRA, AN URUGUAYAN POLITICAL EXILE. THE LATTER'S FATHER, WILSON FERREIRA, WAS AN UNSUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE FOR THE URUGUAYAN PRESIDENCY IN 1971 AND NOW LIVES IN LONDON.

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3. OUR AMBASSADOR IN URUGUAY, LARRY PEZZULLO, HAD REQUESTED THAT THE CONTENTS OF MONTEVIDEO'S 1182 BE MADE AVAILABLE TO WILLIAM BUTLER, OF ABA, AND THE URUGUAYAN DESK OFFICER, RICHARD GRAHAM, DID SO. NEITHER WE NOR BUTLER KNOW HOW WOLA OBTAINED A COPY, BUT WE SURMISE FROM

WHAT FERREIRA SAID THAT IT CAME FROM THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

4. IN A MEETING WITH ELDRIDGE AND JUAN FERREIRA SEVERAL DAYS AGO, WE STRONGLY REQUESTED THAT THEY NOT MAKE PUBLIC USE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED CABLE ON GROUNDS THAT IT WOULD HARM OUR ABILITY TO INFLUENCE URUGUAY TO MAKE HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRESS. I DO NOT WANT AN INVESTIGATION LEST IT STIMULATE PUBLICATION. IF THEY DO PUBLISH IT ANYWAY, I WOULD WISH AN INVESTIGATION.

5. IN MCNEIL'S ABSENCE, ARA/ECA DIRECTOR ZIMMERMANN IS FULLY AWARE OF DETAILS. END QUOTE. VANCE

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